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PADUCAH GIRL

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of his address the Hopkinsville students presented him with two handsome bouquets of carnations, which he gracefully presented to the young ladies on the stage.

But for a weak voice Mr. Willis Reeves, representative of the Owensboro High school, might have won second place with his oration "On Earth, Peace." It was an excellent theme, and he handled it in splendid style. Mr. Reeves advocated the settlement of the world's difficulties by arbitration rather than by war. He pointed to the life of the Prince of Peace as the ideal which should be sought. His address ranked close with the best of the evening.

"America, Past and Present" was the subject of the oration delivered by Charles Petrie, of the Pembroke High school. Although lacking animation in the delivery, the address on the history of our country touched

a responsive cord in the hearts of the audience. A short history of America was given with optimistic prospects for the future.

Mr. Walter Jones, representative of the Princeton High school, was the last speaker of the evening, and he chose "Abraham Lincoln, a Type of the True Kentuckian." As the life of the wartime president is a favorite subject for an oration it pleased the audience to hear it again.

The Judges.

The judges were: Commonwealth's Attorney John G. Lovett, of Benton, Superintendent J. E. West, of Cadiz, and Superintendent A. C. Burton, of Mayfield. They were seated in different sections of the house, and graded the orators according to their delivery, composition and theme. In a neat little speech Commonwealth's Attorney Lovett announced the decision, giving the gold medal to Miss Anderson and the second honor to Mr. Soyars. He paid a tribute to the young people, and said that Kentucky's reputation for orators would not suffer with such young people as the future statesmen.

Each judge graded the speakers, and these were added, and the highest percentage determined the winner. The percentages were: Miss Anderson, 270; Mr. Soyars, 263 2-3; Mr. Reeves, 258 1-3; Mr. Petrie, 248 1-3; Mr. Bourland, 244, and Mr. Jones 242 2-3. The decision of the judges was recognized as fair by the audience, and Miss Anderson won the medal by a narrow margin without any regard for chivalry. Miss Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson, 1235 South Eighth street, and is a member of the senior class of the High school. She is an attractive girl, of the blonde type, and is popular with the students, and deserves much credit for her splendid victory.

The Dance.

Immediately after the contest a dance was given at the Three Links building in honor of the visiting students in the city. Light refreshments were served also.

Princeton will have the contest next year as the plan is to hold it at a new city every year until the circuit is completed.

Hopkinsville and Madisonville have entertained the schools. Prof. W. H. Sugg, of Paducah, was elected president of the Western Kentucky Oratorical league at a business session before the contest. Prof. E. C. McDonald, of Hopkinsville, was elected secretary. A motion passed that any school not sending a representative for three consecutive years would be dropped from the league. Henderson failed to send a speaker to Paducah.

Much of the credit for the success belongs to Prof. W. H. Sugg, the High school's faculty and student body, as all worked together. It was necessary to turn people away from the doors as all of the available standing room was taken. About \$250 was taken in as a result of the contest, about \$150 were cleared, which will be used to improve the High school. The school board contributed \$50 for the contest, but the students anticipated not being compelled to use the assistance.

The Winner.

The winning oration of Miss Anderson is:

"Our glorious and beautiful Old Southland has always been a favorite theme in song and story. The sunny skies and warbling bird, the broad fields of snowy cotton and the dark, with his banjo, have inspired poets to verse that will linger forever in the hearts of not only those who have been so favored by fortune as to be southerners, but by all people and nations who read them; while the brave and chivalrous deeds, the noble efforts, the honorable defeats, as well as brilliant triumphs, the sorrows as well as happy care free pleasures of the sons of the south, are subjects worthy of the pen of any writer. We, the children of the new south, glory in the fact that it is our own native land of which the poets so beautifully sang, and that it is to our fathers that such tribute is paid for their splendid courage and virtue, but do we strive as we should to emulate their deeds of honor and bravery?"

"It is said that link by link the chain that binds the new south to the old is wearing away—that in the tumult of progress the spirit of enthusiastic patriotism and loyalty characteristic of the southern people is being lost; that the pure and lofty sentiments of chivalry, courtesy and honor so prevalent in the old south are giving away in this age of competition and of rushing for wealth. To a certain extent this is true, but can it ever be wholly so—can there not be a union of these beautiful customs and ideals of the old south with the ambitious, conceptions and purposes of the new?"

"The south as our forefathers knew it was exceedingly idealistic in its views. The sense of honor, the high conceptions of chivalry, courtesy and hospitality of her people were the pivots upon which their private, social and business lives revolved. A wanton breach of honor was considered by a true southern man, worse than death—indeed a serious injury or insult to one's honor was often vindicated by the death of either the offender or the offended. Truth, honesty, faithfulness, courage and virtue were the principles upon which they based their lives, while patriotism and loyalty to country, home and friend, were more than mere principles—they were a religion. The chivalry of the south is proverbial. In fact, the name—southern gentleman—is a synonym of knightly valor and courtesy. An indignity to a woman or any helpless creature was to him a serious offense. The southern idea of womanhood was all that is noble, pure and lovely and there was no man who would not have given his life for his mother, wife, sister or sweetheart. Who has not heard of the courtesy and hospitality of the south? The little acts of kindness and of politeness are the bright flowers blooming along the thorny path of life. Some say that it is insincere to have a pleasant smile and a kind word, except for those whose actions you wholly approve and whom you really favor. This was not the idea predominating in the south. Courtesy to all, even to an enemy, especially if he had been thrown upon your hospitality, was an unwritten law. It is true, the southerner had a lack of purpose and a love of pleasure, but are these faults heavy enough to outweigh his many merits?"

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"The new south that has come into ascendancy with the present generation has undergone quite a radical change in its sentiments, beliefs and purposes. The contagious fever of desire for gain has permeated the south. Progress along many lines is making a forward march through the land. The sons of the light-hearted old aristocrats of the south have taken their places by the sides of the ingenious, shrewd and scheming children of the north. They have acquired a lasting taste for power and publicity that vividly contrasts with the modest and retiring privacy of their forefathers. They have entered the competitive race where the most indefatigable workers and most acute schemers and plotters win over the careless dreamers. The romanticism, the sentimentalism, the dreaming as well as the iron-clad rules of right and wrong, which caused them to respect the just claims and titles of others, are giving away to the materialism, the lack of feeling, the wide awake exertion, and the lax principles regarding the rights of ownership so predominant in the north. Then, too, the southern man is daily growing too busy to be considerate and courteous to others. He is dropping his scruples regarding honor as old-fashioned and useless. His courtly manners and conventions are becoming irksome to him because he thinks they limit his freedom. The old traditions of his native land and the family pride which in former days kept many a man in the straight and narrow way, are losing their significance. His chivalry is slowly but surely sinking into oblivion. The hospitality for which his beautiful old southland was noted, is growing more restricted as he grows in power and selfishness. It is true that what is bad and unprogressive in the conservatism of the south should surrender to the liberalism of the north, but is there not a broader life for the south than that set forth by the north? What would make a more perfect southland than the retention of what is grand, glorious and beautiful in the conservatism of our fathers with the addition of what is good and helpful in the liberalism of the north?"

"There is one trait that the southerner has kept to a certain degree, through all his transitions and transformations—a heart-stirring love and loyalty for Dixie Land, herself. He may forget her customs and ideals but he never. Wherever he may wander, whatever wonderful scenes may meet his eye, everything grows tame to him when it comes into comparison with his much beloved south. If he can keep this love through all his trials and temptations, why can he not so admire and respect her pure and lofty ideals as to retain them also?"

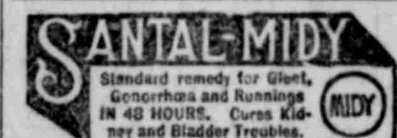
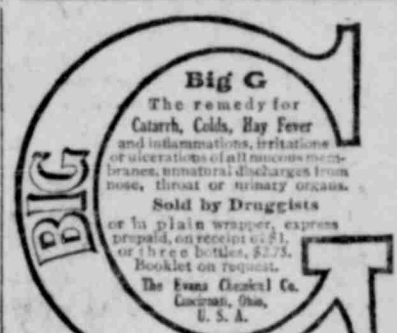
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